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SUBJECT.

Irregularities in connection with the Sri Ramanujachar's Tirunakshatra utsavam at Melkote, on account of holding the ubaya Vedanta Vardhini Sabha in the temple

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FILE HEADING.

Irregularities in Connection with the Sri Ramanujachar's Trinakshatra Utsav at Melkote.

From

Chakravarti Srinivasachar of Melkote

No. letter Dated 29.5.05 Received 23.5.05

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

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NOTES AND ORDERS.

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Abstract

Vide Petition no. 4341 of 21-5-05

Chakravarti Sreeninasachar, a resident of Melkote, brings to notice certain irregularities in connection with the utsavams, conducted on the 9th instant in the Chaluvarayaswamy temple at the place.

He states that there was a largely concourse of people in the temple, including Mr Narayanaswamy Modliar, Dy Auildar, Venkatarangiengar, a retired official of the Excise Deptt and Mr Narasimhachar the Assistant to the Archaeological Deptt. The Dy Auildar in contravention of Govt order allowed lectures on religious subjects (blaspheming the Dwaitas and Adwaitas) to be delivered within the precints of the temple, till a late hour in the night and consequently utsavas had, contrary to manual, to be unnecessarily postponed till 2 A.M. Devotees, who had come there to do Sevarthas, were sadly disappointed, and the fruits and flowers to the value of some

300 or 400 Rupees, which they had brought to offer to the deity, withered - He prays that orders may be issued to prevent such irregularities in future.

AV
23/5/05. Submitted

Please send a copy of the Petn to the Dyloml for report on the several allegations made and enquire under whose authority the Meetings of the Sabha were held in the temple.

Call for a similar explanation from Mr R Narasimhachar MA Secty to the Sabha, sending a copy of the Petn.

Keep the original petn in the Office

[illegible] 21/6/05

Two Dfts Subd

Issue at once

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Note contd

Under the orders of the Secretary, a copy of the petition was sent to Mr R. Narasimhachar M.A., Sectry. to the Sabha and he was requested to furnish an explanation on the several irregularities contained ~~in~~ therein.

The Secretary of the Sabha, in his letter of the 29th ultimo, states that the allegations made by the petitioner are false and malicious, with a remark that the petition looks like a pseudonymous one since there does not appear to be any resident of Melkote bearing the petr's. name. He however admits that the utsavam had to start about an hour later than usual this year, owing to the late distribution of Thirtha, and requests that strict orders should be issued to the temple authorities to have the tirtha distributed by 1-P.M. at the latest.

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He adds that, being actuated by some party feeling, the petitioner makes the allegations with the sole object of discrediting the Sabha and creating a sort of prejudice against it in the minds of the authorities

The Dy Commr was also requested to report on the several allegations & the matter is still pending with that officer

Submit

May the Dy Commr's report be awaited? It is too early to send a reminder

8/7/05

Put up Dy Commrs reply

9/7/05

Note continued.

Hag 9) The Dy Commr, who was requested to report on the Subject, states, in his letter of the 12th instant, as follows —

that a petition similar to the one under disposal was received in his office, which was referred to the Assistant Commr for report and that the latter, after making a local enquiry, reported that the petition — appeared to be a pseudonymous one; that there were no irregularities in the celebration of the Vitsavam except a short delay, naturally expected in a place like Melkote; and that the lecture alluded to did not consist of expressions wounding the religious feelings of the Dwaities or Adwaities.

As regards the authority under which the meetings of the Sabha were held in the temple, that officer submits a copy

Hag 4) of Kanarese order of the 8th April 1902, directing that permission should be given

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to hold the meetings in the temple.

Submtd.

[signature]
17/7/05

Muzrai Secretary's Remarks.

From the Deputy Commissioner's report and from that given by Mr. R.Narasimha Char, M.A., Secretary to the Sabha, it would appear that no sentiments calculated to wound the feelings of the Dvaita or Advaita sects were expressed at the Meeting held in the Melkote temple last year, and that the complaint made in the pseudonymous petition under disposal was the outcome of spite on the part of some person or persons ill disposed towards the Sabha. This explanation may be accepted.

The delay in carrying out the Utsavas of the temple in consequence of the meeting of the Sabha, and the inconvenience caused to the public thereby appears also to have been greatly exaggerated in the petition [illegible].

T[illegible] however arises whether [illegible]

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should be given to the complaints of even evil disposed persons by allowing such Sabhas to be held within the precincts of such important temples as that of Melkote. In this Office Vanarese Order No 3160, dated 9th April 1904, issued by Mr. D.Shama Rao, M.A., while officiating as Muzrai Secretary, the Peshkar of the Melkote temple was directed to give help to the Sabha in holding its Prize distribution Meeting in the temple. The holding of the Meetings within the temple precincts should, in my humble opinion, be ordered to be discontinued in future, as it would give rise to a precedent in that behalf and lead to other sects of Brahmins asking for similar privileges and probably occasion unpleasant scenes and disturbances similar to what happened last year. I am, for the reasons mentioned above, of the humble opinion that orders may be issued to the effect that, while Government sympathise with the objects of the Sabha, they consider it undesirable to permit the holding of the meetings of the Sabha within the precincts of the temple.

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The extensive premises of the Sri Parakalaswami Matt or of the Sri Yetiraja Matt may be utilized for the purpose with the permission of the respective Heads of the Matts.

A draft Order is submitted for approval.

Submitted to the Dewan thro' the II Councillor. } [signature]

5th January 1906,

Camp Agumbi.

No 157. Recd 10.1.06.

This order alone quoted permitted meetings for the distribution of prizes only. It may be strictly enforced. Sabhas may hold meetings for delivering lectures &c at any convenient place they may choose.

[signature] 16/1/06. 10835 17.1.06

Recd 17/1/06 [signature]

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The restriction proposed by the Secy after the satisfactory explanations — in fact de-mists given by the Sabha Secy seem to be unnecessary. It may be said that the Sabha meetings are liable to be stopped at any time without assigning any reasons — with this condn I think they may be continued. If other Brahm sects ask for a similar concession I would grant them also — The Petn. seems to be false & vexatious. The Mungle authorities must be warned to distribute Tuesday before 1 P.M. as usual.

To IInd Collector

[illegible] 2.3.06

11745 Earl Spec orders as per my note [illegible] 8.3.06

Read 12/3/06 Draft early [illegible] 12/3/06

Re-subd to the Dewan [illegible] 7/3/06

11701 7.3.06

Read Read 5/3/06 [illegible] 6.3.06

Seen [illegible] 6/3/06

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MYSORE GOVERNMENT
4341
MUZRAI SECRETARIAT

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Subject

Orders

[illegible]

Put up an English abstract early. [illegible] 23/5/05

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25/5/05

Abstract

Subject

25/5/05

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2. [illegible]

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Early

Recd 27.6.05.

To

The Dy Commr
Mysore District

No. 4763 Dy 27.6.05
Encl.

Has the honor to forward herewith a copy of a petn regd no 4341 dated 21st May 1905, from one Chakravarti Srinivassachar of Melkota, bringing to notice certain irregularities in connection with the Utsavams conducted in the Sri Narayana-swami temple at Melkota on the 9th ultimo.

2. The petitioner states among other things that the ~~petit~~ of Sri Ramanujac Narya Utsavam that [illegible]

to be usually begun at
6 P.M. that day was postponed by the Dy Amildar
~~that day~~ till about 2 A.M.
the next day, on account
of ~~the~~ a lecture on religious
subjects having been arranged
to be delivered within
the precincts of the temple
~~under the auspices of~~
at the request of Messrs
Venkataranginagar & R.
Narasimhachar (who are
the members of the ~~Veda~~ Ubhaya
Vedanta ~~Bodhini~~ Pravartana Sabha);
and that the lecture
consisted of ~~the~~ expressions
wounding the religious
feelings of the Dwitees and the
Adwitees –

3. The Dy Comr is
requested to report on
the several allegations

in the petition and also

to ~~[illegible]~~ enquire and report

~~as to~~ under whose authority

the meetings of the

Sabha were held in the

temple as alleged.

By order

[illegible] 21/6/05

Dft

Secretary

Mugrai Dept

[illegible]

21/6/05

Recd 27.6.05
from Camp Mysore

No. 4764 Dy 27.6.05
Encl

To

Mr R. Narasimhachar
M.A.

Hon. Secretary
Ubhaya ~~Veda~~ Vedanta Pravartana
Sabha, Bangalore

Has the honour to forward herewith a copy of ~~the~~ a petition regd no 4341 dated 21st May 1905 from one Chakravarthi Srinivasachar of Melkote, bringing to notice certain irregularities in connection with the utsavams conducted in the sri Narayanaswami temple at Melkote on the 9th

The petitioner states among other things that, on account of a lecture having been arranged within the precincts of the temple under the auspices of the Sabha on the ~~9th~~ day in question, the Utsavam of Sri Ramanujacharya that had to be usually begun at 6 P.M. that day, was postponed till a very late hour ~~about 2 A.M. the next day~~, and that the lecture consisted of expressions wounding the religious feelings of the Dwitees and the Adwitees

Requests to be informed what actually took place

place on the day in question, and under whose authority the Sabha was held within the precincts of the temple.

By order

Dft. 21/6/05

Secretary

Magnie Dept

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Refers

Please continue the

Office-note

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14/7/05

From

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To

[illegible]

Dated [illegible]

Despatched

Received

General No. 31
No.

Enclosure No. [illegible]

Submit [illegible]

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

No 31
Encl 4

Dated Mysore 12th July 1905

To.

L. Ananthasami Row Esqr. B.A.
Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore, Muzrai Department
Bangalore.

Sir,

In reply to your docket No. 4763 dated 27th June 1905 forwarding for report copy of petition (herewith retransmitted) from one Chakravarti Sreenivasachar of Melkote, bringing to notice certain irregularities in connection with the Utsavams conducted in the Sri Narayana-Swami temple at Melkote on the 9th May 1905; I have the honor to State that, a similar petition from the same individual, received in this Office by post on the 27th May 05 was forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner, French Rocks Division, for disposal, whereon that Officer, after

making

making a local enquiry has reported that the petition appeared to be a pse-donymous one, that there were no irregu-larities in the celebration of the Utsav which took place on a grand scale excep that there was a short delay in keeping up to the appointed time, naturally e-pected in a place like Melkote, where the Brahmin community preponderate and that the lecture referred to did not consist of expressions wounding the re-ligious feelings of the Dwaities or Adwai-ties.

2. As regards the authority under which the meetings of the Sabha were held in the Temple, a copy of Order No 3160 dated 8th April 1904, issued to the Reshkar of the Melkote temple, by the then Officiating Secretary Muzrai Department, directing that permission should be given to hold the meetings in the temple and re-ceived with the accompanying Jodi No 1903/10 dated the 26th June 1905 from the Assistant Commissioner Tumkur,

Rocks Division is herewith submitted for reference.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient servant
[illegible]
Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

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మ్యోసూర్ సార్థమంట్ ముజరా ఇలులాదిందా

మేఁ ఆర్మాఁ టి జేత్ర దేవస్థాన కళ్ళపేక్షారినే

మేఁ ఆర్మాఁ టి యల్లా ఉన్నే శిలలు వరుక్షనళుంద
ఉంటూ కరవాగి స్థాపకానిరువలు భయవేదాం
శప్రవశిద్ధిన భీయల్లా ప్రతివరుక్షలు శ్రీ రాయాకు
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కుమకు మాతిశోతబేక్కు

ఆక్కా 8 డి యేప్రిల్ 1904

Signed M. Shama Rao.
Offg Secretary Mizoroy
Department.

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R. Smurmat
Apr. Commissioner
Kunde Kach

Recd 11/9/05.
Place in connected file
11/9/05

Bangalore
11th September 1905

To

L. Anantasawmi Rao Esq B.A.

Secretary
Mazarai Department
Bangalore

Sir

In continuation of my letter dated 29th June 1905 in reply to your docket No. 4764 dated 27th June 1905, I have the honor to send for your kind perusal an English letter received from Mr. G. Subbasawmi Iyer B.A., Superintendent, Industrial School, Mysore; a Tamil letter from Brahma Sri Sitarama Sastriyar; and a Kanarese Mahazar from Melkote, signed by respectable Brahman and non-Brahman residents of the place.

These enclosures, in my humble opinion, corroborate every one of the statements made in my letter to you referred to above and prove conclusively that the allegations made in the pseudonymous petition are totally false.

The members of the Sabha will feel highly thankful

Unmanifest if you will be so kind as to send me a reply in this
Fair and to send strict orders to the temple authorities at Mekhe[illegible]
see that the Tîrtham is distributed by 1 P.M. on the Tirunamsha
Fair Day. The enclosures may kindly be returned after [illegible]

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

[illegible]

Hon. Secretary

M u z r a i.

Read:-

Petition Regd. No. 4341, d/ 21st May 1905, from one Chakravarti Srinivasachar of Melkote, bringing to notice certain alleged irregularities in connection with the Sri Ramanujachar's Tirunakshatra Utsavam -- that took place at Melkote on the 9th idem.

Letter Regd. No. 1882, d/ 29th June 1905, from Mr. R. Narasimha Char, M.A., Hony Secretary of the Ubhaya Vedanta Pravartana Sabha at Melkote, explaining what took place on the above mentioned occasion.

Also, Correspondence ending with letter No. 31, dated 12th July 1905, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, reporting on the above.

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Order thereon:- No.

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The petitioner alleges that

Issue as now altered in accordance with the Dewans orders
Ld 15/3/06

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No. 40930/20.3.06.
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the distribution of Prizes connected with the examinations held by the Ubhaya Vedanta Pravartana Sabha was held in the Sri Narayana swami temple at Melkote on the day of the Sri Ramanujachar's Tirunakshatra on the evening of the 6th May 1905, and that in some of the speeches delivered on the occasion, sentiments calculated to wound the feelings of the Dvaita and the Advaita sects were expressed. He also states that the public Durbar was, owing to the meeting in question, postponed to a later hour [illegible] to the [illegible] of the [illegible] Commissioner's [illegible] and from the explanatory letter of Mr. R. [illegible] Iyengar, B.A., Secretary [illegible] that the [illegible] were in [illegible] of [illegible] seems [illegible] to be [illegible] towards [illegible] in [illegible] It should however be understood that the Sabha meetings within the precincts of the temple are.

liable to be stopped by Govt. ~~that the holding of such meetings~~ at any time without assigning ~~within the precincts of temples is~~ any reason. ~~not desirable.~~ The Secretary [illegible] Sabha will be informed accordingly, and the Deputy Commissioner is requested to intimate these orders to the Deputy Amildar of Theno Locus and to the temple authorities, who should be warned to distribute Theertha in the temple before 1 P.M. as usual on the day of Sri Ramanujachar's Tirunakshatram.

15/3/06

Secretary,

Muzaffar Department.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

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Copy forwarded to Mr. R. Narasimhachar, M.A., with reference to his letter No. [illegible], dated [illegible] June 1905.

2. The enclosures to [illegible] dated 11th September 1905 are [illegible] returned.

By Order,

[illegible]